

the commander of the American Legion's Ceres Post and was the Boys State chairman numerous times.

Among his recognitions and honors are Ceres Citizen of the Year, Rotarian of the Year and Stanislaus County Senior of the Year for the 5th District.

Mr. Speaker, it is among the finest traditions and honors to rise today and recognize Mr. Welsh. His commitment to our nation, our community and his family sets an example we all should seek to follow. I wish he and his family all the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARY  
MARANGOS AND THE  
PANCYPRIAN ASSOCIATION'S  
WOMEN'S ISSUES NETWORK

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 8, 2005*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of the Pancyprian Association's Women's Issues Network (WIN) on the occasion of its annual Woman of the Year Award dinner dance. WIN's 2005 honoree, Dr. Mary Marangos, is a longtime community leader and dedicated public servant.

WIN was founded in 1996 to serve the Cyprian-American community, promote the Hellenic Cypriot culture and provide opportunities for future generations of Cyprian women. The organization sponsors health lectures, health fairs, cultural events and breast and cervical cancer screening for women with no health insurance. Additionally, WIN has worked against the Turkish occupation of Cyprus since 1974.

This year, WIN is honoring the noted community leader and civic activist, Mary Marangos. Dr. Marangos has served the people of the New York's 14th Congressional District with distinction, providing a critical link between the residents of western Queens and their representation in the United States Congress. She has worked to gain access for New Yorkers to constituent services and educational and cultural programs in those communities. Active in numerous causes and community organizations, Dr. Marangos has devoted herself to the Women's Issues Network and other organizations that promote and protect the Hellenic culture.

Dr. Marangos is a recent retiree of the N.Y.C. Public School System where she has served as an educator, administrator and coordinator in vocational and alternative high schools; additionally, Dr. Marangos served as a coordinator of the G.E.D. program of the Vocational Training Center at LaGuardia Airport. Dr. Marangos also coordinated an AIDS Prevention Program on the high school level, training teachers on AIDS prevention instruction, organizing conferences and workshops on the epidemic and promoting staff development on the elementary level.

A graduate of the City's public school system, Dr. Marangos earned an Associate Degree in dental hygiene from Brooklyn Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene/education from the New York State Education Department. Dr. Marangos went on to earn a Masters Degree in high school administration and supervision

from Fordham University and a Ph.D. from Florida State University in International-Intercultural Developmental Education under a U.S. Department of Education full fellowship.

The loving and devoted daughter of Pantelis Marangos from Kalavassos, Cyprus and Despina Kyriacou, descendant from Lesvos, Greece and Cyprus, Dr. Marangos was steadfast in her devotion to her parents.

Dr. Marangos truly exemplifies the tradition of community involvement that makes America the greatest nation in the world. On behalf of the residents of the Fourteenth Congressional District of New York, I would like to extend to Dr. Marangos, the Pancyprian Association and the Women's Issues Network my continuing respect, admiration and support.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to this wonderful organization and its 2005 Woman of the Year, Dr. Mary Marangos.

EXPRESSING CONCERN WITH THE  
CUTS IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET  
OF THE SMALL BUSINESS AD-  
MINISTRATION

**HON. ED CASE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 8, 2005*

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my continued disappointment with the proposed budget for the Small Business Administration. The budget request for fiscal year 2006 is \$593 million, nearly \$100 million below what was requested last year, representing a ten percent decline in program funding. These funding cuts are coming from some of the most important programs within the SBA, including the 7(a) loan program, Disaster Loan Program, and the Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs (PRIME).

Mr. Speaker, I hope that as this House considers the budget resolution, we can remember the important service that the SBA provides to all of our constituents. To remind my colleagues of the importance of the SBA, I have included an article that appeared in the March 16, 2005 edition of the Honolulu Advertiser. Entitled "SBA Faces Budget Cuts," this article highlights several individuals in my home state whose businesses would not have survived without the timely assistance of the SBA.

[From the Honolulu Advertiser, Mar. 1, 2005]

SBA FACES BUDGET CUTS

(By Catherine E. Toth)

If Pablo Gonzalez didn't get \$30,000 worth of government-backed loans over the past five years, he would have had to shut down his juice bar.

Fortunately, the U.S. Small Business Administration provided guarantees for two loans—one in 2000, another in 2002—that allowed Gonzalez to expand his business.

Since then sales at Lanikai Juice Co. have increased nearly 15 percent every year, Gonzalez said. He hopes to open a second location sometime soon.

"As a small business, your chances to survive are more difficult," said Gonzalez, who moved to Hawai'i eight years ago from Barcelona, Spain. "You have to live with higher prices and less profit. . . . If it weren't for SBA, honestly, I don't think I'd still be here."

Nearly 20 million small businesses nationwide have benefited from technical assist-

ance, loans and grant programs offered by the SBA. Its current business loan portfolio of about 219,000 loans worth more than \$45 billion makes it the largest single financial backer of U.S. businesses in the nation.

But the agency may find it harder to carry out its mission next year if Congress approves proposed cuts to its fiscal 2006 budget.

The proposed budget for SBA is \$593 million, a 13 percent decline from the agency's 2005 request and a 36 percent drop over the past five years.

More than 50 small-business programs, including those in Hawai'i, are slated for cuts or elimination in the proposed budget, up from 35 last year.

Among those slated for elimination are the agency's Microloan program, its startup loan program for low-income entrepreneurs, and the SBIC Participating Securities program, its flagship venture capital program.

(As in fiscal 2005, the 7(a) loan guarantee program—the agency's primary business lending program—will not be subsidized. Instead of taxpayer funds, it will be sustained entirely on an increase in fees by lenders and borrowers.)

This doesn't bode well for entrepreneurs who can't get conventional loans, especially with the Hawaii Community Loan Fund, a lender of last resort, filing for bankruptcy last month.

"(The Microloan program) is very worthwhile because you're helping people who couldn't get a start," said Dr. Tin Myaing Thein, executive director of the Pacific Gateway Center, which administers SBA's microloans. "This is for people who don't have a chance with the bank, who would have no chance at all to start their own business. We have so many success stories here."

Abracadabra Cabinets at Campbell Industrial Park fell into a slump after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Owner Joanne Gibeault needed some extra cash to keep her business going.

But she couldn't get a loan or a line of credit from her bank. So she turned to SBA.

Through the agency's Community Express loan program, which offers microloans to small-business owners, Gibeault got \$15,000 last year to pay bills and grow her business.

Since then the business has grown nearly 50 percent, she said. Her biggest problem now is finding experienced cabinet-makers to hire.

"We had a hard time recovering after 9/11, like everybody did, but it took a little longer for us to catch up," said Gibeault, who lives in Makakilo. "We struggled for a while. . . . The loan was just enough to get us over and keep the business going."

Gibeault started her custom cabinet company 10 years ago in Kailua. A journeyman cabinet maker, Gibeault had no experience operating a business. She took classes and attended seminars offered by the Hawai'i Women's Business Center.

Funding for these centers also is slated for cuts in the proposed budget.

"I can build stuff," Gibeault said. "But I didn't know how to run a business when I started. These programs are definitely needed."

As with the Women's Business Centers, funding for the agency's Small Business Development Centers may be cut or, at the least, remain flat, despite a request to increase its funding to \$109 million from \$88 million the year prior, said SBDC state director Darryl Mleynek.

The Hawai'i SBDC receives \$500,000 from the federal government and \$638,000 from the state annually. That amount hasn't changed for more than five years.

This year the Hawai'i SBDC requested another \$584,000 in funding from the state to help with growing operating costs. Expenses

have increased about 17 percent over the past four years, Mleynek said.

"What we do is extremely important," Mleynek said. "Working with small businesses offers state governments the fastest opportunity for creating sustainable economic development. And the reason is because small businesses are such a large part of our economy and when they get assistance, they increase their sales rapidly, they hire new people, and all of that comes back very quickly."

While his program competes with others, in particular social programs, for funding from the state, Mleynek is confident that lawmakers will realize the value of investing in small business to the overall health and growth of the economy. And he's hoping for extra money in light of potential cuts to federal funding for the center.

"I believe the Legislature understands the value of putting money into our program, but money these last few years has been very tight," Mleynek said. "To put money into one program and not another, those are very difficult choices. . . . But I'm cautiously optimistic."

#### RECOGNIZING HANS-PETER KLEIN OF UKIAH, CALIFORNIA

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hans-Peter Klein for his nearly three decades of distinguished public service as Counsel for Mendocino County in California. Peter's devotion and service have left a lasting impression on Mendocino County.

Born in Germany, Peter immigrated with his parents to the United States at the age of four. He received his Bachelors Degree from the University of California before he was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Upon his military discharge, Peter enrolled in an evening law school program. At the time, he worked for the Port of San Francisco and volunteered with Marin County Legal Aid. He received the Demetrius Sepatsis Award for Academic Excellence upon graduation.

Peter joined the Mendocino County Counsel's office in 1978, one month after its creation. In 1983, he was appointed as Mendocino's County Counsel, a position in which he has served with dedication and distinction for the past 22 years. Peter also served on the Board of Directors for the California State County Counsel Association, where he has been a long time member of the Association's Ethics Committee. The Association is dedicated to the maintenance of the highest professional standards in the practice of governmental law and service to the public.

After so many years of serving others, I know that Peter is looking forward to spending more time with his wife Toni, and their three grown children.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we recognize Hans-Peter Klein for his commitment and dedication to his profession and for his service to the people of Mendocino County and his country.

#### THE DEATH OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

#### HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2005

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I join my fellow Catholics and all citizens of the world in mourning the passing of Pope John Paul II. Though he is no longer with us, his extraordinary influence and tremendous contributions to the fight against tyranny and oppression will live on.

Pope John Paul II was the 263rd successor to Saint Peter, and was elected on October 16, 1978. He was the youngest Pope in 132 years at age 58. He was also the first Polish Pope and the first non-Italian Pope in 450 years. He was seen as active and charismatic, and could often be found on the ski slopes of Europe.

Throughout his papacy, Pope John Paul II worked tirelessly on behalf of human rights and the dignity of all mankind. In contrast with the Vatican's preoccupation with Europe, he was the most traveled Pope in history and involved the Church in world issues.

He visited Africa more than a dozen times, yet refused to visit South Africa until it had ended its apartheid system. He sought to end religious and ethnic violence in Sudan and Rwanda. In Latin America, John Paul pressured Chile's General Augusto Pinochet to hold free elections and helped defuse a dispute between Argentina and Peru. He also visited Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, the Philippines, Haiti, North America, and Scandinavia, among other destinations.

Pope John Paul II is widely credited with helping depose Eastern European communism. He helped inspire the worker rebellions and the Solidarity movement in his native Poland soon after he was elected. Twenty million Poles greeted the Pope during his nine day homecoming, an exceptional show of discontent with the one-party dictatorship that ruled the country.

He also insisted that the Catholic Church confront its past misdeeds, including the Inquisition in the 15th century. In 1999, he ordered the Vatican to issue an "act of repentance" for the church's failure to prevent Nazi genocide against Jews in World War II and acknowledged centuries of preaching contempt for Jews. The pope expanded upon this in March 2000, when he asked forgiveness for many of his church's past sins, including its treatment of Jews, heretics, women and native peoples. While John Paul believed in the infallibility of the church, he recognized that its servants are human and sometimes stray from the teachings of Jesus.

Along with John Paul's involvement in human rights, I have been moved and personally strengthened by his active engagement in papal duties in spite of the development of Parkinson's disease. He did not shrink from activity or the public eye though his body began to shake and become unsteady. In fact, it became part of his mission: to show the world the value of each life, even in those who are suffering from physical pain and the aging process.

The world is now coming to grips with the passing of Pope John Paul II. We are comforted that his teachings live on as he moves

to his final resting place. May he rest in peace.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF HIS HOLI- NESS POPE JOHN PAUL II AND EXPRESSING PROFOUND SORROW ON HIS DEATH

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of a great spiritual and moral leader for the world. Throughout his lifetime, he experienced Fascism, Communism and rampant materialism. He never lost sight of his own values and beliefs and lived his life as an example that all of us regardless of faith could look to.

The earthly light of this Pope has been lost but his eternal light will shine forever. The millions of pilgrims flowing into St. Peter's Square reflect the genuine warmth and respect this man of God had throughout the world. He spoke for the poor, the homeless, the infirmed, the oppressed and everyone listened. His message of caring and love certainly played a major role in many of the changes we have seen across the global map. Walls came down and individual freedom arose from rubble.

To me it was especially noteworthy to watch the Pope reach out to the youth of the world and how warmly they returned his affection. Their bond will long be remembered.

In life Pope John Paul II showed us how to live and in death, showed how to die. He has returned to his Lord and Savior having earned the reward of "Welcome home my good and faithful servant." We have been blessed by his presence on earth and his legacy will be a strength for generations to come.

#### THE INTRODUCTION OF THE COL- LEGIATE HOUSING AND INFRA- STRUCTURE ACT OF 2005

#### HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2005

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am today introducing legislation, along with my colleague Congressman BEN CARDIN, that would allow charitable and educational organizations to make grants to fraternities, sororities, and other collegiate organizations to provide housing and student facilities to the same extent that tax-exempt colleges and universities may provide such facilities for students. We introduced this legislation in the 108th Congress and it enjoyed wide bipartisan support.

By way of background, taxpayers may generally deduct contributions to nonprofit educational organizations (i.e., educational organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Code")) such as colleges or universities. These colleges and universities may expend their funds (including donated funds) on student facilities such as dormitories, dining halls, study areas, libraries,